Came I to take her from her kindreds Vault,
Meaning to keepe her closely at my Cell,
Till I conueniently could send to *Romeo*.
But when I came, some minute ere the time
Of her awakening, here vntimely lay,
The Noble *Paris*, and true *Romeo* dead.
She wakes, and I entreated her come forth
And beare this worke of heauen with patience:
But then a noyse did scare me from the Tombe,
And she too desperate would not go with me:
But as it seemes, did violence on her selfe.
All this I know, & to the marriage her Nurse is priuie:
And if ought in this miscaried by my fault,
Let my old life be sacrific'd some houre before his time,
Vnto the rigour of seuerest law.

Prin. We still haue knowne thee for a holy man,
Wheres *Romeos* man? what can he say to this?

Balth. I brought my maister newes of *Iuliets* death,
And then in poste he came from *Mantua*,
To this same place. To this same monument
This Letter he early bid me giue his Father,
And threatned me with death, going in the Vault,
If I departed not, and left him there.

Prin. Giue me the Letter, I will looke on it.
Where is the Counties Page that raisd the Watch?
Sirrah, what made your maister in this place?

Boy. He came with flowers to strew his Ladies graue,
And bid me stand aloofe, and so I did,
Anon comes one with light to ope the Tombe,
And by and by my maister drew on him,
And then I ran away to call the Watch.

Prin. This Letter doth make good the Friers words,
Their course of Loue, the tidings of her death,
And here he writes, that he did buy a poyson
Of a poore Pothecarie, and therewithall,
Came to this Vault, to die and lye with *Iuliet*.
Where be these enemies? *Capulet*, *Mountague*?

See what a scourge is laide vpon yo
That heauen finds means to kil you
And I for winking at your discords
Haue lost a brace of kinsmen, all a

Cap. O brother *Mountague*, giue
This is my daughters ioynture, for
Can I demaund.

Moun. But I can giue thee mo
For I will raie her statue in pure go
That whiles *Verona* by that name i
There shall no figure at such rate b
As that of true and faithfull *Iuliet*.

Capel. As rich shall *Romeos* by h
Poore sacrifices of our enmitie.

Prin. A glooming peace this mo
The Sun for sorrow will not shew
Go hence to haue more talke of th
Some shall be pardoned, and some
For neuer was a Storie of more wo,
Then this of *Iuliet* and her *Romeo*.

FINIS.

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